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SUBJ: NIGERIAN LETTER PROPOSING MEETING OF NON-NUCLEAR-
WEAPON STATE COMMITTEE

REF: A. USUN 2581 (6/19/76); B. STATE 157810

1. NIGERIAN UN MISSION HAS CIRCULATED A LETTER TO 26 NON-
NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES (SEE PAR 4) DESIGNATED LAST YEAR AS
MEMBERS OF THE NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE ENVISAGED IN THE 1975
SOVIET RESOLUTION ON "GENERAL AND COMPLETE PROHIBITION OF
NUCLEAR WEAPON TESTS." LETTER (FULL TEXT BELOW) PROPOSES
THAT THESE STATES (WHICH THE NIGERIANS REFER TO AS A
"CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE") MEET ON TUESDAY, MARCH 8,
PRESUMABLY TO CONSIDER MEANS OF IMPLEMENTING THE 1976 FOLLOW-
UP RESOLUTION ON THIS SUBJECT. COPIES OF LETTER WERE ALSO
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ADDRESSED TO MISSIONS OF FIVE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES, THOUGH
THEY ARE NOT INVITED TO MEETING.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL PROBLEMS CREATED LAST YEAR
BY SIMILAR NIGERIAN INITIATIVE (REF A). ALTHOUGH ONLY
16 OF THE 26 STATES CAME TO MEETING, NIGERIAN PERMREP
HARRIMAN, ALLEGING THAT HE HAD BEEN "DIRECTED" BY THE

GROUP TO DO SO, WROTE A LETTER TO THE SYG CALLING ON HIM "TO CONVENE A MEETING TO BE ATTENDED BY THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES AND THE 26 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES NOMINATED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UNGA, SO THAT THEY MAY DISCUSS THE MODALITIES OF IMPLEMENTATION OF" THE MAIN OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH OF THE 1975 SOVIET RESOLUTION. SYG, HOWEVER, DECIDED AGAINST CONVENING SUCH A MEETING IN LIGHT OF KNOWN ATTITUDES OF US, UK, FRANCE, AND CHINA.

3. MISSION BELIEVES DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS (REF B) FOR DEALING WITH THIS ISSUE LAST YEAR REMAIN APPROPRIATE SHOULD A FURTHER EFFORT BE MADE TO CONVENE THE PROPOSED NEGOTIATING GROUP (I.E., TAKE LOW-KEY ATTITUDE; REITERATE US POSITION IF NECESSARY; POINT OUT THAT WEO GROUP IS NOT REPRESENTED AMONG NNWS ADDRESSED BY NIGERIA AND THAT DESIGNATION BY UNGA PRESIDENT THORN OF NEWS WAS IN TERMS OF THEIR HAVING EXPRESSED THEIR "READINESS TO PARTICIPATE" IN NEGOTIATIONS, NOT IN TERMS OF APPOINTING THEM TO A NEGOTIATING COMMITTEE). WE THEREFORE PLAN TO FOLLOW THAT GUIDANCE UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE BY DEPARTMENT.

4. TWENTY-SIX NNWS INVOLVED ARE: AFGHANISTAN, BANGLADESH, BOLIVIA, BULGARIA, CUBA, CYPRUS, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, FINLAND, GDR, GRENADA, HUNGARY, INDIA, INDONESIA, IRAQ, MEXICO, MONGOLIA, MOROCCO, NIGERIA, PERU, POLAND, SUDAN, SYRIA, UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA, AND ZAIRE.

5. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NIGERIAN LETTER:
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QUOTE. BEGIN TEXT.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS PRESENT IS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND HAS THE HONOUR TO TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING:

THE COMPLETE AND GENERAL PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS REPRESENTS ONE OF THE MOST URGENT TASKS CONNECTED WITH THE CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE, THE REDUCTION OF WEAPONS STOCKPILES AND DELIVERY SYSTEMS, AND DISARMAMENT.

AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, DURING ITS THIRTIETH SESSION, IN ITS RESOLUTION 3478 (XXX), THE PRESIDENT NOMINATED THE GROUP OF 25-30 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES INTER ALIA, TO EXERT ALL EFFORTS ONCE AGAIN TOWARDS THE SPEEDIEST CESSATION EVERYWHERE, BY ALL STATES OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS, INCLUDING UNDERGROUND TESTS.

THE GROUP OF 26 NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES ATTACHED HERETO, TOOK THE INITIATIVE UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF HIS EXCELLENCY MR. L.O. HARRIMAN, AMBASSADOR AND PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS AND MET ON JUNE 10TH 1976, IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, TO CONSIDER HOW BEST TO DISCHARGE THE SEVERAL OBLIGATIONS CONTAINED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THAT RESOLUTION. REGRETTABLY, THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT RESPONSE FROM OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES BEYOND THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 31/89 AT THE THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY A RECORDED VOTE OF 95-2-36 ON 14TH DECEMBER 1976, WHEREIN IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT THE EARLY CESSATION OF NUCLEAR-WEAPON TESTS, WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE REDUCTION OF THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE AND THE FURTHER RELAXATION OF INTERNATIONAL TENSION.

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IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH OPERATIVE PARAGRAPHS 1 AND 2 OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/89 SUGGESTS THAT A RE-CONVENED MEETING OF THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD MEET ON TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH 1977, AT 11 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON IN CONFERENCE ROOM 7.

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO
THE UNITED NATIONS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY
TO RENEW TO THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS
HIGHEST CONSIDERATION".

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